

EI-7357

May 17, 2008

Ms. Victoria Rutson, Chief  
Section of Environmental Analysis  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Finance Docket No. 35116, R.J. Corman Railroad Co., Beech Creek  
Branch Line Construction and Operation between Wallaceton and  
Gorton, PA – Preliminary Consultation

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Although you are not soliciting public comment at this time, I feel it is important that you know the above referenced request will serve a project that has encountered serious obstacles and fierce opposition. I believe any further study of this request is premature and wasteful of taxpayer funded resources. Consider the following:

The application for the landfill this rail line would serve has been suspended since October 2006.

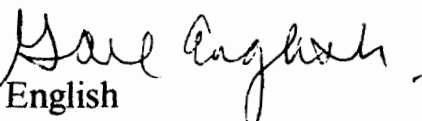
The application for the quarry was deemed deficient in May 2007.

There is no formal application submitted for a biofuels plant.

There are four federal agencies on record that have identified environmental issues of concern regarding the project that would be served by this rail line.

As a resident of Moshannon (Snow Shoe Twp.), I oppose this move due to the proximity of the proposed landfill to my home. If you continue to proceed with this R.J. Corman request, it is imperative that a full environmental impact statement be prepared in order to assess the environmental impact of this proposal and the project it will serve.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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